(b) whether the committee appointed to examine all aspects of safety has submitted its report; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Governmnt have taken to ensure safety of passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN). (a) Airbus A-320 aircraft have been reinducted in the external sector of the Indian Airlines with effect from 28th October, 1990 and in the domestic sector of the Indian Airlines with effect from 3rd December, 1990

(b) and (c) The report of the Technical Committee under the Chairmanship of Air Marshal S S. Ramdas to evaluate the state of preparedness of Indian Airlines for the safe operation of the A-320 aircraft has been received A Copy of the report has already been placed in the Parliament Library (Index No. 621.13252 R).

NO

The recommendations of the Ramdas Committee pertain to:

(i) Training of Pilots

(ii) Training of 'A' and 'C' Engineers

(iii) Maintenance infrastructure

(iv) Maintenance/Operating procedures and use of minimum Equipment List (MEL).

(v) Integrated Management System to coordinate all the activities related to rectification of the deficiencies noted

Indian Airlines has taken adequate steps to implement these recommendations.

Setting up of Numaligarh Refinery in Assam

*56 DR NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the refining capacity of the proposed Numaligarh Refinery in Assam;

(b) by when the work of setting up of the Refinery is likely to be started;

(c) how many hectares of land have been acquired for the purpose; and

(d) whether any compensation has been given to the land owners for acquiring their lands; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA) (a) The proposed refinery at Numaligarh is planned to have the initial refining capacity of 3.00 million tonnes per annum.

(b) The preliminary activities for implementation of the Refinery project have already been started by M/s IBP Co. Ltd.

(c) No land has been acquired so far.

(d) The question does not arise at this stage in view of (c) above.

Protests and dharnas by the teachers and non-teaching staff of the North Eastern Hills University, Shillong

*57 SHRI G. G. SWELL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether teachers and the non-teaching staff of the North Eastern Hills University, Shillong have staged protests and dharnas against alleged irregularities and mismanagement by the administration of the University,

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) how much money has been given to this University for the construction of quarters for the teaching staff and when; and

(d) how many quarters have been sanctioned and how many have been completed so far?